

Woman's World

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Miss Marguerite Lahey is one of the few women who have successfully mastered the art of bookbinding in its highest and best expression. For ten years Miss Lahey has devoted on an average seven hours a day to her profession, doing all the work herself on a volume from start to finish, not even scorning to apply the edge gilding, really a separate trade, but which Miss Lahey thinks is so poorly done in this country.

She has studied binding, cover designing, tooling and edging abroad under the best masters in each branch of the work, and in the libraries of some of the most famous book collectors of America are to be found occupying places of honor on the shelves exquisite examples of this young woman's book binding.

For J. Pierpont Morgan, that prince among bibliographers, she has bound both modern books and incunabula. Among the latter are books printed by Richard Pinson, Lichtenberg and William Caxton. Last year Miss Lahey had the pleasure of binding for Mr. Morgan Caxton's "Siege of Troy," 1472, the first book printed in English and the only perfect copy in existence. It is valued at the modest sum of \$48,000.

The Wedding Ring Finger.
The third finger of the left hand has from long usage been consecrated to the wedding ring. This usage comes from an ancient belief that from this finger a nerve went direct to the heart. So completely was this fanciful piece of physiology confounded in by the Greeks and Romans that this was termed, even by their physicians, "the healing finger." It was used to stir their mixtures from a notion that nothing poisonous or harmful could communicate with it without its giving immediate warning by a palpitation of the heart says the Indianapolis News. This superstition yet prevails to a considerable extent among the country people of western Europe. Together with this is the belief even more widely current that the wedding ring will promptly remove warts and other excrescences if they are rubbed with it.

As a gift of love or sign of betrothal rings were in use in ancient Egypt and in Assyria. The Jews from remote age have made the ring a most important feature of betrothal and in the marriage ceremony. According to the Jewish law, it was necessary that this ring should be of value.

It is therefore examined and certified by the officiating rabbi and chief officers of the synagogue when it is received from the bridegroom, whose absolute property it must be and not obtained on credit or by gift. There was then, as now, an exchange of rings between Jewish contracting parties. Shakespeare recalls this custom most sympathetically when Shylock, informed that his daughter Jessica has given a ring for a monkey, exclaims with an outburst of grief and anger: "It was my turquoise! I had it of my Leah when a bachelor. I would not have given it for a wilderness of monkeys!"

Only Women in This Orchestra.
A woman's orchestra, named the Orchestra Femina, with Mr. Siegfried Wertheim as conductor, is the latest London novelty. Mr. Wertheim has been working for a long time gathering his forces together, for he decided that it should be an all British institution, and now he appears to have succeeded. He has got together forty women, every one of whom is capable of playing solo parts. Mr. Wertheim contends that in the course of his search he has come across some real "discoveries."

Hitherto in the case of such instruments as the oboe, bassoon, trombone and the heavier wind instruments there have been no women exponents of very high rank. Mr. Wertheim has discovered English players of such instruments who are gold medalists of London, Paris and Brussels.

The only feature about the performance of the Orchestra Femina that will not be all British will be the music. Mr. Wertheim shrugs his shoulders at that idea. His is to be a high class orchestra, and so he must rely on foreign produce for his programs, though popular music of English make will not be excluded.

Zona Gale a Suffragette.
Zona Gale, the distinguished author, is among the active workers in the woman suffrage campaign now in progress in Wisconsin.

THE GAITER SHOE.

New Styles in the Season's Footwear.



BOOTS BUILT LIKE GAITERS NOW.

Fashion favors this season the gaiter boot, with its cloth top buttoned down the outer side exactly like a well fitting gaiter. Two styles are shown here, both boots being of patent leather in walking style, one pair having fawn colored cloth gaiter tops, the other pair tops of navy blue twill fabric. The buttons are flat and riveted to the cloth so they cannot fly off at a critical moment.

How They Do It.

Did you ever hear of a womanless republic?

Well, there is one on a peninsula south of Macedonia in Greece, where 10,000 men live, studying and praying constantly.

Policemen guard the lands constantly to keep out women pilgrims and other undesirable guests.

This place is called the Mount of the Twenty Monasteries and was used in ancient times as a signaling station, but is now a real republic.

These 10,000 monks govern themselves without interference from Turkey or any other country. There are, however, no government buildings, no president or other officeholders.

The only police force is composed of men who patrol the coast to keep out women and men who have no permit to enter this most exclusive of countries. Only those who have a letter of permission from the Greek patriarch in Constantinople are allowed to enter the holy place.

Some reports have it that this republic was formed in the ninth century. It is said that the foot of woman has not touched the soil of the place for centuries.

The monks who live on the place work the soil a little, but they depend chiefly upon contributions from pilgrims for their existence. Probably the greatest collection of Biblical manuscripts is in the monasteries of this republic.

"It is the most interesting place in the world for the student of the Bible," said a traveler who recently visited that country. "I have been there three times already, and I will never tire of going. There are in the monasteries thousands of Greek manuscripts, and hundreds of them are connected with the New Testament.

"Hundreds of Bible students have studied many of these manuscripts very carefully, but there are other manuscripts that have not yet been read carefully. It may be that great discoveries, valuable to the Bible scientists, will emanate yet from this great storehouse of manuscripts."

Will Teach Small Talk to Girls.

Now comes the chatterbox class in the curriculum of several private schools. Many complaints have come from the mothers of girls in finishing schools that their lack of small talk is agonizing. Teach them how to chat of current events, of persons in the public eye, of inventions, of anything that will make them appear intelligent, plead these mothers to the school heads. That a debutante knows music and French and a smattering of German goes for little or nothing in the ordinary drawing room gathering. They must know how to make talk, say the older ones, and they don't. The art of chatting fast is becoming a lost one, even in Paris, where it used to reign supreme. In the best French boarding schools the teachers are arranging courses of drawing room talk; since it is found that there, too, the younger generation has a way of letting a knowledge of current events come in at one ear and escape at the other.

New Mesh Bags.

Attractive as well as convenient is the new mesh bag upon the outside of which is hung a purse made of gold or silver to match the mesh. The purse is not a mesh one, but is made of slabs of the precious metal, with a secret clasp so that its owner, if she can keep the secret of the fastening, can also feel assured that her money is safe.

Since large bags became fashionable the small purse that can be found easily has been a necessity and in some cases is hung inside the bag. The point of having it fixed either outside or in is obvious, for it is troublesome to search in the vastness of a large bag when money is required all in a hurry, without disturbing the rest of the contents.

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